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ABSTRACT

Quite often, the people responsible for spending school facility dollars have little information with which to make wise investment choices. The process is typically driven by vendors, consultants, and public opinion. The result is that the schools become a poorly performing component of the education process. This document was developed to provide those individuals involved in school construction with an easy-to-understand resource. Ten chapters address facility and educational planning, budgeting and funding, organizing the planning team and process, site selection, space planning, contracts and negotiating, the design and building process, special features of an educational facility, security and vandalism prevention, and indoor air quality. Includes a school evaluation and a site selection criteria checklist, theoretical space profiles for three educational facility levels, a table detailing adequate space allocation, and a standard school project schedule. The appendix provides the following samples: "Request for Proposal" questionnaire, policy statement, letter of intent for subcontractor, commitment form, school construction project directory, construction data sheet, and project cost data sheet. (CMD)

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